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	Examiner Nasser Ahmad	Art Unit 1772	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15,17-20,22-24,26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Rejection Withdrawn

1. Claims 1-20, 22, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, made in the Office Action of 2/21/2006 and maintained in the Office Action of 1/10/2007 has been withdrawn in view of the amendment filed on 7/10/2007.

Rejection Maintained

2. Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 11,13-15, 22-24, 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Casagrande (6322655) for reasons of record made in the Office Action of 1/10/2007.

3. Claims 4, 7- 10 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casagrande in view of Fischer (5736212) for reasons of record made in the Office Action of 1/10/2007.

4. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Casagrande for reasons of record made in the Office Action of 1/10/2007.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 7/10/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's argument regarding 35 USC 112, first paragraph is moot in view of the withdrawal of said rejection as explained hereinabove.

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As for applicant's argument that Casagrande does not teach a business form of claims 1 and 22, including an integrated tab comprising a portion of the base and being surrounded on at least three sides by the integrated removable portion, applicant is directed to figure-1 which shows the business form (form 21), wherein the integrated removable portion (47) is surrounded by the perimeter portion (49) which is the same as portion (150) in figure-8 and as such surrounds the portion (150) along at least the sides forming the perimeter.

Similarly, the method claims 14 and 24 are also disclosed tab structure as explained hereinabove.

As for the arguments for claim 23, it is noted that the argued phrase "integrated tab that is completely by the integrated removable portion" is also anticipated by Casagrande as explained hereinabove.

Regarding claims 26 and 27, applicant should note that because the integrated removable portion (47) has four sides, it surrounds the tab portion (150).

For the 35 USC 103 rejection, the hereinabove explanations apply *a fortiori* herein.

Thus, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it remains the examiner's position that the claimed invention is anticipated or rendered obvious over the prior art of record discussed hereinabove.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 21 and 25 allowed.

7. Claims 2 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art fails to teach that the backing layer has lesser affinity for retaining adhesive than the liner layer.

Conclusion

1. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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